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1. In late July 1950, an international Communist organization issued the following orders to the Chinese Communist central government:
  - a. The Chinese Communist troops now stationed on the North Korean border are to remain in their present positions and await further instructions. If the situation of the North Korean Army becomes unfavorable, the Chinese Communist troops are to enter the Korean war immediately.
  - b. The Chinese Communist troops in Fukien should test the defenses of Chinmen Island by attacking it immediately.
2. Military aid from the USSR is being continuously transported to North Korea. An unknown number of Soviet agents are prepared to go to the North Korean front to gather intelligence on the U.S. Army. In mid-July, a Soviet labor union mission was sent to Pyongyang under Vatnov.\*
3. The Chinese Communists believe the Soviet attitude toward the Korean war is as follows:
  - a. Through the Korean war, the USSR will be able to observe how well the democracies can unite and what secret weapons the U.S. uses.
  - b. The Soviets believe the U.S. forces are so scattered around the world that no large number of troops can be sent to Korea. If the U.S. reinforcements come piecemeal, the North Koreans have a good chance of destroying them.
  - c. If the North Korean strategy of a quick victory fails and the U.S. begins to win, the main North Korean troops are to turn guerrilla and wage a war of attrition. These well-trained troops from Manchuria are noted for their guerrilla warfare tactics.
  - d. The Soviets plan to create a succession of serious situations in South-east Asia and deal with each one individually.

\* ☐ Comment. This name ☐ suggests the possibility that it may be Vanov.

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